

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended) A partially recrystallized, rolled, forged or extruded aluminum alloy product more than 12 mm thick, produced by casting an aluminum alloy consisting essentially of, in % by weight:

Zn: 7.2-10;

Mg: 1-4;

Cu: 1-3.5;

Cr < 0.3;

Zr < 0.3;

Si < 0.5;

Fe < 0.5;

other elements < 0.05 each and < 0.15 total; and

Al: remainder,

into a cast ingot having an as cast grain size between 270 and 800 μm which is heat treated by solution treating, quenching and artificial aging, a final wrought product having a fraction of recrystallized grains measured between one-quarter thickness and mid-thickness less than 35% by volume, and a characteristic intercept distance between recrystallized areas greater than 250 μm .

17. (previously presented) The product according to claim 16, wherein said cast ingot is grain refined by addition of nucleant particles to said aluminum alloy, said nucleant particles being present during solidification of the ingot.

18. (previously presented) The product according to claim 17, wherein said nucleant particles comprise, by weight, 0.01 to 0.03% Ti and 1 to 10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B added to the aluminum alloy which is cast into said ingot.

19. (previously presented) The product according to claim 18, wherein the alloy has a Ti content of between 0.01 and 0.02% by weight.

20. (previously presented) The product according to claim 16, wherein the characteristic intercept distance between recrystallized areas is greater than 300 μm .

21. (previously presented) The product according to claim 20, wherein the characteristic intercept distance between recrystallized areas is greater than 350 μm .

Claim 22 (canceled).

23. (currently amended) The product according to claim ~~22~~ 16, wherein the alloy is selected from the group consisting of ~~7010, 7020, 7040,~~ 7049, ~~7050,~~ 7055, ~~7060,~~ 7075, 7149, ~~7150,~~ ~~7175,~~ 7349, and 7449, ~~and 7475~~ aluminum alloys.

24. (previously presented) Structural member for airframe structures, made of a rolled, forged or extruded product according to claim 16.

25. (previously presented) The product according to claim 16, wherein the cast ingot has an as cast grain size between 300 and 800 μm .

26. (previously presented) A partially recrystallized, rolled, forged or extruded AA7050 aluminum alloy product more than 12 mm thick, produced by casting an AA7050 aluminum alloy into a cast ingot having an as cast grain size between 270 and 800 μm which is heat treated by solution treating, quenching and artificial aging, a final wrought product having a fraction of recrystallized grains measured between one-quarter thickness and mid-thickness less than 35% by volume, and a characteristic intercept distance between recrystallized areas greater than 250 μm .

27. (previously presented) The product according to claim 26, wherein the as-cast grain size is 270-600 μm .

28. (previously presented) The product according to claim 26, wherein the characteristic intercept distance is up to 384 μm .

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